REMARKS

In this Preliminary Amendment, Applicants amend claims 1-40. Applicants also add new

claims 41-46. After entry of the Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-46 (8 independent claims, 46

total claims) are pending in the application.

Applicants submit the following Preliminary Amendments to more appropriately claim

that to which the Applicants are entitled. All amendments are fully supported by the

specification, drawings and claims as originally filed. No new matter is included in the

amendments.

After consideration of the Applicants' amendments, Applicants respectfully submit that

all of the claims in the application (claims 1-46: 8 independent, 46 total claims) fully comply

with 35 U.S.C. § 112 and are allowable over the prior art of record. Consequently, allowance of

all remaining claims is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner wish to discuss any of the above in greater detail or deem that

amendments should be made to improve the form of the claims, then the Examiner is invited to

telephone the undersigned at the Examiner's convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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